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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO WARNS POLITICAL  
EXILES IN COSTA RICA

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: FOREIGN MINISTER GONZALO FACIO USED OCCASION OF CHILEAN INDEPENDENCE DAY RECEPTION TO WARN POLITICAL EXILES IN COSTA RICA PUBLICLY THAT THEY DO NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO USE COSTA RICA AS A CENTER FOR OPERATIONS AGAINST THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS. THE MESSAGE WAS CLEARLY AIMED AT CHILEAN EXILES. END SUMMARY.

2. IN PREPARED REMARKS AT SEPT. 18 RECEPTION, FACIO GAVE A WARNING TO POLITICAL EXILES IN COSTA RICA OUT OF THE CLOTH OF IDEOLOGICAL AND POLITICAL PLURALISM AND COSTA RICA'S TRADITIONAL ADHERENCE TO THE PRINCIPLES OF AUTONOMY, SOVEREIGNTY, AND NO INTERVENTION. HE POINTED OUT COSTA RICA APPLIES THESE PRINCIPLES WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION, AND REJECTS THE PRETENSIONS OF THOSE WHO WOULD HAVE COSTA RICA APPLY THEM SELECTIVELY. THE FOREIGN MINISTER STATED COSTA RICA WILL NOT IMPOSE DEMOCRACY ON COUNTRIES, NOR DOES IT THINK THAT OTHER GOVERNMENTS HAVE THE RIGHT TO DO SO. THUS, FACIO

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WARNED, COSTA RICA WILL NOT TOLERATE EXILE POLITICAL

ACTIVITIES EVEN WHEN THEY ARE AIMED AT ESTABLISHING DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENTS LIKE COSTA RICA'S. MUCH LESS, HE CONTINUED, WOULD COSTA RICA PERMIT EXILE ACTIVITIES AIMED AT ESTABLISHING OR RE-ESTABLISHING SYSTEMS OF GOVERNMENT THAT CONTRADICT COSTA RICAN ASPIRATIONS FOR LIBERTY AND DEMOCRACY.

3. "PRESIDENT ODUBER HAS AUTHORIZED ME TO MANIFEST THAT EVEN MORE ENERGETIC WILL HAVE TO BE OUR REACTION AGAINST EXILES WHO COME TO OUR COUNTRY AND WHO AS UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS OR FROM CERTAIN MINISCULE POLITICAL GROUPS FOMENT ACTIVITIES HARMFUL TO OUR REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY," FACIO CONTINUED. LATTER IS AN EXPLICIT REFERENCE TO CHILEAN EXILES, MANY OF WHOM HAVE FOUND HONOR IN BOTH THE UCR AND THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY, AND WHO HAVE BEEN A GROWING PRE-OCCUPATION NOT ONLY TO THE GOCR BUT TO A CROSS SECTION OF NON-LEFTIST COSTA RICANS.

4. FACIO'S REMARKS ENDED WITH AN EXPRESSION OF RECOGNITION FOR THE EFFORTS OF THOSE GOVERNMENTS THAT ARE ATTEMPTING TO OVERCOME THE CAUSES WHICH TEMPORARILY IMPEDE THEIR RETURN TO DEMOCRACY.

5. COMMENT: FACIO'S STRONG STATEMENT REFLECTS A REAL CONCERN IN COSTA RICA ABOUT CHILEAN EXILE PRESENCE. THIS IS DUE TO NUMBERS OF CHILEANS HERE AND THEIR INFLUENCE IN THE UNIVERSITIES AS WELL AS THEIR POLITICAL ACTIVITIES. MINISTER OF PUBLIC SECURITY CONFIRMED THIS FEELING TO EMBOFFS SEPTEMBER 18 AT SAME TIME THAT HE CONFIDED THAT GOCR HAS ENACTED POLICY TO RESTRICT ENTRANCE OF CHILEANS TO COSTA RICA.  
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